

## The: Council of Nicaa

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with a turn for rustic humour. Around hi\*; uam«\* many legend\*\* have jiathei'i d, and nonr i m\*\*ir «t\*' lightfu! than thai \ vlmh trll\*t how hi\* ami hi\*. dc\u'»m set out foi NuaM itiuanlrd on two mules, a whit»\* and a chestnut. On the? jouuuy tluy tame to an Inn witrre thry tmtntt a iniuihrr i»f othn\* hi%h »jt. bound t»n thr .••auu" riuuiiL ThrM\* piclatr<sup>1</sup> f<%uv\*1 that stJ rustic «i fj;;itu\* a% Spyiiiiion wtmhl htiujj «1\* •• credit cm thrir iv\*I; i\*»a \*tnil appear ia j»i'ott^tjui\* contrast with tlu\* splrmlour of tin\* Impriiai <\»urt. So during the nt^lit thry tauM-tt the two untie\*\* to {«\* decapitated, tlthikit^ tliat thry \ould thin ptrvrtit Spyriditin Iroiutratuu}\*; 1m juuriuy. The J;\*»IH| Bishop was \*tntii.ril hrfmr davnre ik l»y hi- <lrai«m» who toltl him of the tfi-.aster. Spyudion \*\*inij4v bade him attaih th»' head-, to tin\* d\*%id btuUe\*, awl, on this hem;; ilonr, thr lilll!r,\* l«\*%r to thetl frrf a\*\* though iititfiin^ HUH a» il had happenrd. Whrn day broke, it wan fmiiul that the draum h.uf attuhrU the head i to the uioitjj 'houidm; the uhitr mule now sported a ilitutniit hrad aiid thr thf.tmit \*i white. Still, It wa^ not tliiHi^Jil nece^»iafy to ivj»rat the miracle and <lun;i;e thr heatl'»» f\*»r the mulcn apparently suH'ereil no hu'tinvonic net\*

The prdimin tiy im etin|js t\*f tlu ruuueil wrrr Itrl4 **in** tht\* priiu'i|»al i him h «»f XiV.tM and tontiuueti titiliS the arrival «if tlu\* Kmpeiur, which w»a\*« not until July 3rd, tlu, annivci;»ary of his victory nvci Lit Then the state opening took place,? in the jjreat of the palace, Kusri.mt\*i j;iv<sup>4</sup>cn u\*i a ^rapliic acc of the incnumthlc scene.\* Special invitation\* hatt